

NEMATUS LEACHII DAHLBOM, 1835 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA):
PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.
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G. Dahlbom, 1835 (*Conspectus Tenthredinidum, Siricidum et Oryssinorum Scandinaviae* 1 : 10) gave a brief description of a larva feeding colonially on *Larix* in Europe. This reference was quoted by C. G. de Dalla Torre, 1894 (*Catalogus Hymenopterorum* 1 : 200) as a synonym of *Nematus erichsonii* Hartig, 1837 (*Fam. Blatt-u. Holzwespen* : 187) the description of which was based on an adult female.

2. The name *Nematus leachii* has never, so far as we are aware, been used for this species (except in synonymy) since its original description 131 years ago, and, although no types are extant, the larval description has been generally accepted as undoubtedly referring to the well-known boreal holarctic pest of *Larix*, now known as *Lygaeonematus* or *Pristiphora erichsonii* (Hartig), by one or other of which names it has been referred to in innumerable scientific papers and books on insects and forestry for more than a century.

3. The name *Nematus leachii* has apparently never been used because it was based on a larval form, but by Article 24b such names are valid. The International Commission is therefore asked:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the name *leachii* Dahlbom, 1835, as published in the binomen *Nematus leachii*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (2) to place the specific name suppressed under (1) above, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.